

**Amendments to the Specification are as follows:**

Before the first sentence on page 1 please insert the following paragraph.

This application claims the benefit of priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-073215, herein incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 27 and ending on page 4, line 2 as follows:

Figs. 3A and 3B ~~are~~ is a cross-sectional views illustrating a manufacturing state of the holder-mounted optical element according to the first embodiment of the present invention;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 9 and ending on page 4, line 11 as follows:

Figs. 6A and 6B ~~are~~ is a cross-sectional views of a manufacturing state of the holder-mounted optical element according to the second embodiment of the present invention.